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JIDDA FOR AMBASSADOR AKINS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SULZBERGER VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: CAIRO 2517(NOTAL)

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO CY SULZBERGER FROM
THE AMBASSADOR:

2. QUOTE: AFTER OUR TALK ABOUT YOUR INTEREST IN
VISITING SAUDI ARABIA, I DISCUSSED SUBJECT ON PERSONAL
BASIS WITH SAUDI AMBASSADOR FAUD NAZIR. NAZIR
THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA IF YOU VISITED
SAUDI ARABIA. HE UNDERTOOK TO GET A READING FROM
THE EGYPTIANS ABOUT YOUR INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT
SADAT WENT ON THE BASIS OF WHICH HE WOULD
COMMUNICATE WITH KING FAISAL
ABOUT POSSIBLE VISIT.

2. TODAY NAZIR TELEPHONED TO SAY HE HAS GOTTEN A
REPLY FROM THE ROYAL DIWAN. ON BASIS MY ENDORSE-
MENT AS 'FRIEND OF SAUDI ARABIA' AND WORD THAT
SADAT INTERVIEW WENT WELL, FAISAL SAYS YOU ARE
WELCOME VISIT JIDDA, RPT JIDDA, AT AN UNSPECIFIED
DATE IN LATE MAY. KING EXPECTS TO BE IN JIDDA AT
THAT TIME. FAISAL NOTES THAT HE IS NOT GIVING
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FORMAL INTERVIEWS AT THIS JUNCTURE, BUT WOULD BE

HAPPY TO RECEIVE YOU TO 'SAY HELLO'

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS LAST STATMENT, NAZIR BELIEVES SUCH A CALL, WHILE NOT A FORMAL INTERVIEW, WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY RESULT IN FAISAL EXPRESSING HIS VIEWS. MY OWN EXPERIENCE WITH THE KING ATTESTS TO THIS.

4. TRUST THE ABOVE IS SATISFACTORY AND THAT YOU CAN GO. SUGGEST YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR AKINS IN JIDDA TO ARRANGE DETAILS OF YOUR VISIT.END QUOTE.
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